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For: AN ELECTRONIC CASHLESS SYSTEM

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

This supplemental amendment is in response to the Office Communication mailed November 19, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on December 19, 2002. This Supplemental Amendment is timely filed on December 19, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please **REPLACE** claims 18-21 and 23-24 as follows.

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18. (TWICE AMENDED) A method, comprising:
replacing cash with an electronic medium storing information equivalent to cash, the information having characteristics of cash to accommodate identityless monetary transactions with two or more sellers using the cash equivalent information.
19. (TWICE AMENDED) The method of claim 18, wherein the identityless monetary transactions with the two or more sellers involve transferring the stored cash equivalent information from the electronic medium to the two or more sellers.